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### **DEQ Offers Public Records Access on its Website**

BATON ROUGE - The public may now access Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality public records from their home, office or anywhere they have Internet access. DEQ developed a new Internet-based search tool, the Electronic Document Management System or EDMS, which allows access outside of DEQ.

Today, DEQ launches a six-month EDMS pilot program. During this time, the public can search, display and print documents dated from July 1, 2005, to the present, with the exception of radiation related documents.

Users who require access to all public records regardless of date or content may visit one of the Public Records Centers at DEQ headquarters or DEQ's Regional Offices. Printing from these locations requires a nominal fee. Public users may also access all DEQ records by completing the online public records request form, available on the Internet at [www.deq.louisiana.gov/prr](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/prr).

Public users may search for documents by description, download documents, and email links to documents. While searching, users have access to help guides and frequently asked questions. The public may also email questions or comments to EDMS support staff.

"We're excited to offer this pilot program to the public and look forward to receiving their feedback," said Wendy McLain, DEQ Records Manager.

The Records Management staff is available to answer questions and assist with records searches Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. "Help from our staff is available, whether users access records at DEQ or at home," said McLain.

To access the EDMS, go to [www.deq.louisiana.gov](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov). For more information regarding the EDMS or for general information on records management, visit the Public Records site on the Internet at [www.deq.louisiana.gov/pubrecords](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/pubrecords) or call 225-219-5337 or toll free at 1-866-896-5337.